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SUBJECT: SECURITY PROTECTION FOR PUBLIC ACCESS AREAS

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POST APPRECIATES INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REFTEL, FOLLOWING
FURNISHED AS REQUESTED.

1. PRESENTLY DESIGNED MSG DESK LOCATION MOST ADVANTAGEOUS
FROM SECURITY STANDPOINT OF LOBBY. ALSO, WITH THIS LOCATION
MSG HAS ACCESS TO ADJOINING ROOM WHERE MSG AND FIRE EQUIP-
MENT IS STORED. RSO OBJECTS STRONGLY TO RECOMMENDATION TO
POSITION LOCAL GUARD/RECEPTIONIST AND MSG IN SAME ENCLOSURE
PLANS CALL FOR LOCAL RECEPTIONIST TO HAVE SEPARATE DESK.
DESK WILL BE CONSTRUCTED WITH METAL TO PROTECT FROM GUN FIRE.
NO PLANS HAVE BEEN MADE TO PROTECT LOCAL RECEPTIONIST
WITH LEXGARD ENCLOSURE.

2. PRESENT PLANS INCLUDE FSL RECEPTIONIST AT 5 LOCATIONS:
CHANCERY LOBBY, TRADE CENTER, CONSULAR SECTION, USIS AND
USIS LIBRARY. DOES DEPARTMENT CONSIDER IT NECESSARY TO
ENCLOSE FSL RECEPTIONISTS IN LEXGARD ENCLOSURE?

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3. STAIRWELL DOOR BESIDE MSG DESK IS EQUIPPED WITH ELECTRIC

RELEASE LOCK CONTROLLED BY MSG. MSG POST 1 WILL HAVE CUT-OFF SWITCH THAT WILL STOP ELEVATOR OPERATION IN EVENT OF EMERGENCY.

4. ENTRANCE DOORS WILL NOT BE PROTECTED WITH BALLISTIC RESISTANT MATERIALS DUE TO WEIGHT OF MATERIAL. RTC/HONG KONG HAS LEARNED THAT ORDINARY ALUMINUM FRAMES WILL NOT SUPPORT BALLISTIC RESISTANT MATERIALS AND DOOR FRAMES WILL WARP. CHANCERY FRONT DOORS HAVE BEEN RECENTLY REPAIRED DUE TO WARPING, WITH NO ADDED WEIGHT. MYLAR WILL BE APPLIED TO ENTRANCE DOORS. MYLAR IS AT POST. GLASS PANEL ADJACENT TO LOCAL RECEPTIONIST/GUARD WILL BE OF LEXGARD 1 AND ONE FOURTH INCH MATERIAL. ENTRANCE DOORS WILL NOT BE EQUIPPED WITH ANY TYPE OF SPECIAL LOCKING DEVICE SINCE RSO PREFERS TERRORIST TO HAVE FREE EXIT ROUTE TO LEAVE BUILDING SINCE ALL AREAS OF CHANCERY ABOVE FIRST FLOOR WILL BE SEALED OFF.

5. PACKAGE AND VISITOR CONTROL WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY LOCAL GUARD/RECEPTIONIST UNDER SUPERVISION OF MSG POST NUMBER 1.

6. RSO AND POST MAINTENANCE OFFICER CONSIDER POURED REINFORCED CONCRETE MSG DESK WITH ONE HALF INCH THICK STEEL ON BOTH SIDES ADEQUATE PROTECTION UNLESS A/SY/FO CAN SHOW OTHERWISE. POST WILL CONSTRUCT UPPER PORTION OF MSG DESK IN TRANSPARENT ONE AND ONE FOURTH INCH LEXGARD FACED WITH ONE QUARTER INCH SAFETY GLASS AS RECOMMENDED. HOWEVER, PAGE 10 OF A-7405 OF 12/11/75 STATES "LEXGARD IN ONE AND ONE FOURTH THICKNESS IS PERHAPS THE BEST COMPROMISE FOR CONSTRUCTION TO DEFEAT PISTOL AND SUBMACHINE GUN THREATS INSIDE A POST." ROS WILL CONSIDER BANK TELLER TYPE WINDOWS FOR MSG DESKS AND CONSULAR SECTION. WHEN INFORMATION RECEIVED.

7. ORIGINAL SUBMISSION (REFTEL B) BASED UPON PLANS TO LOCATE CERTAIN CONSULAR OFFICES IN AREA NOW OCCUPIED BY TRADE CENTER. DETERMINATION TO RETAIN TRADE CENTER IN CHANCERY CHANGES SECURITY CONFIGURATION, LEAVING SECOND GROUND FLOOR ENTRANCE TO CHANCERY (TRADE CENTER), ADJACENT TO BUT SEPARATE FROM MAIN LOBBY, UNPROTECTED BY MARINE GUARD. EMBASSY OF OPINION THAT UNNECESSARY POSITION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MARINE GUARD AT TRADE CENTER ENTRANCE SINCE THERE IS NO PASSAGE DIRECTLY FROM TRADE CENTER TO CHANCERY OFFICES AND NO AMERICAN OFFICES LOCATED IN TRADE CENTER. DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS REQUESTED.

8. REGRET DELAY IN SUBMISSION PLANS FOR CONSULAR SECTION, OCCASIONED BY DETERMINATION RETAIN TRADE CENTER IN CHANCERY, PREEMPTING SPACE INITIALLY

PLANNED FOR CONSULAR SECTION. SUBMISSION THOSE
PLANS MAY BE FURTHER DELAYED DUE STAFF SHORTAGE
GSO WHICH ACCOMPLISHING ALL DRAWINGS FOR ANTI-
TERRORIST CONSTRUCTION. POST DOES NOT PLAN FORWARD
NEW DRAWINGS FOR LOBBY AREA UNLESS DEPARTMENT SO
REQUIRES.

9. SUPPLEMENTAL COST FIGURES WILL BE FORWARDED ON
LOBBY, ANNEX AND CONSULAR SECTION ASAP AFTER RECEIPT
OF LEXGARD SYSTEM PACKAGE FROM A/SY.
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